

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/675,466	BLINN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28 and 30-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Business Methods

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt of the Appeal Brief filed April 13, 2006 is acknowledged. Upon further consideration of the arguments presented in the Appeal Brief, the case is hereby REOPENED to address Claims 1-28 and 30-34 which are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-28 and 30-34 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is Pitroda in view of Franklin. Pitroda discloses a universal electronic card (UET) including receipt storage and system and methods of conducting electronic transactions. Franklin discloses a system and method for conducting commerce over a distributed network manage merchant and product information in an electronic shopping basket, payment source information in an electronic shopping basket, payment source information in an electronic wallet, and shipping address information in an electronic address book. Pitroda in view of Franklin fail to disclose, *as in claim 1, "identifying a plurality of accounts corresponding to the user; selecting a subset of plurality of accounts to make available to the user, the subset including only those accounts that can be used by the user to make a purchase at the merchant server; and presenting the subset of accounts to the user."* As in claims 3 and 5, also recites, *"one or more computer readable media wherein the accounts that can be used to make a purchase at the merchant server are those accounts of a type identified by the merchant server as well as additional accounts of a type that are mapped to an account type identified by the merchant server as being useable."* As in claims 11, *"...presenting a plurality of accounts of different*

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types to a user, the plurality of accounts being included in an electronic wallet; and allowing the user to transfer value. From one of the plurality of accounts to another of the plurality of accounts.” As in claims 17 and 18, “*a to store a plurality of payment accounts for a user; and a user interface component, coupled to the wallet server, to display the plurality of payment accounts and to allow manipulation of the payment accounts including transferring value from one payment account to another.*” As in claims 19 and 20-25, “*receiving a request from a user to make a purchase using a particular type of fund included in an electronic wallet of the user; converting payment information corresponding to the particular fund to a credit card format; and communicating the converted payment information to a merchant for the purchase.*” As in claims 26-28 and 30-33, “*maintaining, in an electronic wallet, a plurality of different types of payment accounts for a user; allowing the user to transfer payment information stored in the payment accounts to merchants to make purchases; and allowing the user to transfer funds between different ones of the plurality of different types of payment accounts.*”

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Felten whose telephone number is (571) 272-6742.

The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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